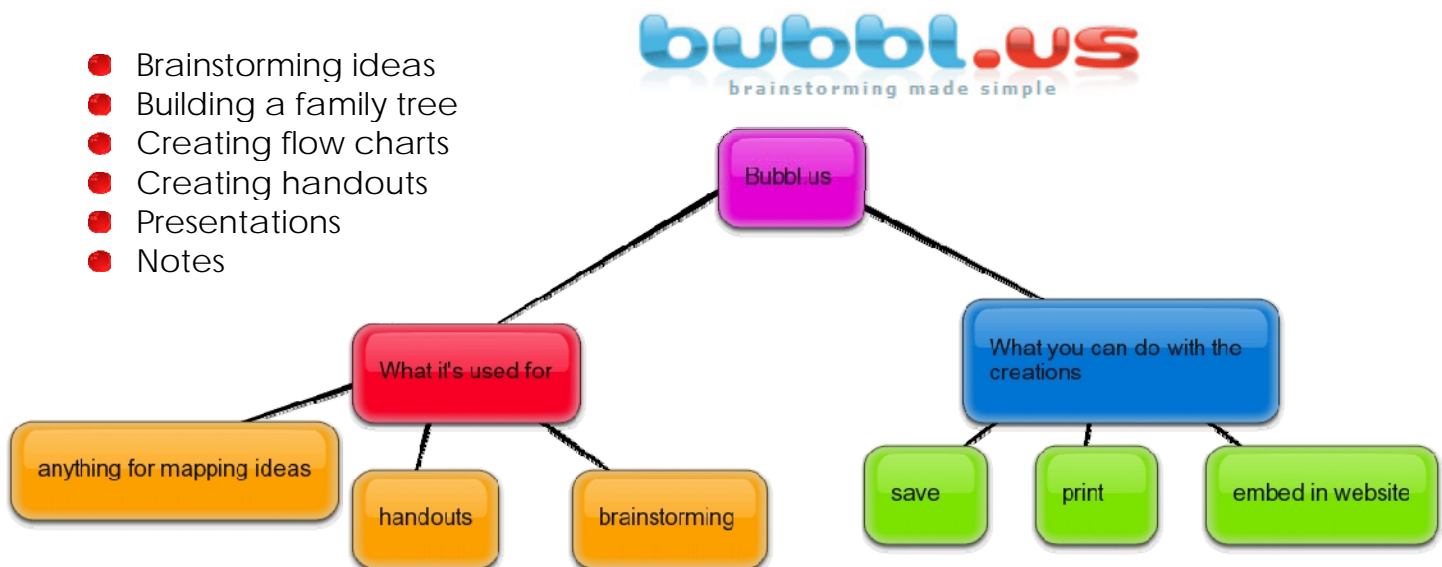


bubbl.us

bubbl.us is a free web 2.0 tool that allows you to create your own mind maps online and share your ideas with others. You can save, print, or embed them into your own website!

bubbl.us can be used for many different things:

- Brainstorming ideas
- Building a family tree
- Creating flow charts
- Creating handouts
- Presentations
- Notes



Getting Started

Start out by going to the website- bubbl.us

Create an Account - it's free and allows you to save your mind-maps for access later. You can use bubbl.us without an account, but you won't be able to save your projects.

bubbl.us
brainstorming made simple

Please sign into your account or click to start brainstorming below.

Username
Password
☐ Remember info
Sign In
[Forgot username / password](#)

New Users: click to start a new brainstorming session

Start Brainstorming

Create your own username and password, so that you can save and share your work!

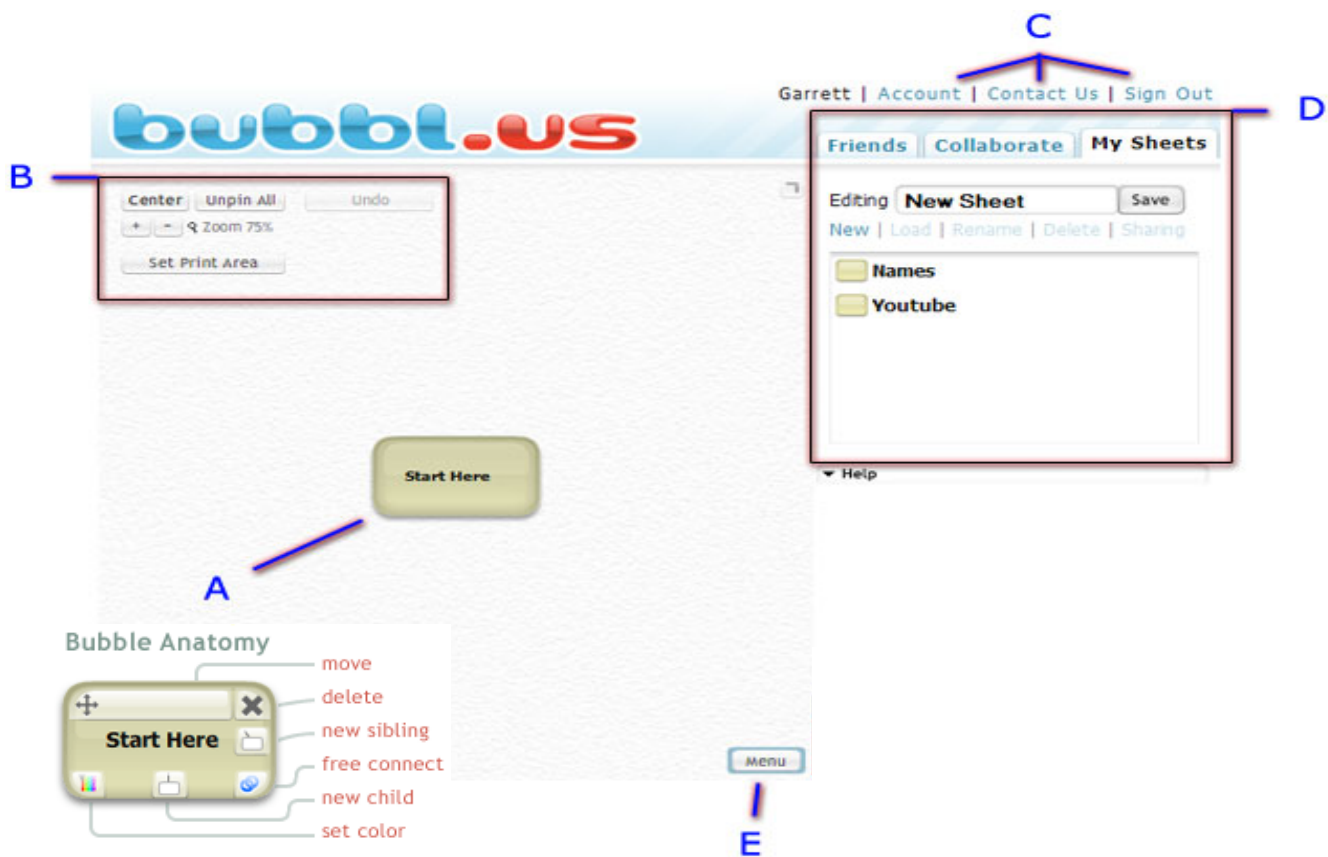
What is it?
Bubbl.us is a simple and free web application that lets you brainstorm online.

Why use bubbl.us?
Because you can:

- Create colorful mind maps online
- Share and work with friends
- Embed your mind map in your blog or website
- Email and print your mind map
- Save your mind map as an image

And it's FREE!

Examples
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Check out our [blog](#) for news and updates.



- A. Starting bubble** - Many of the controls are contained here. Each new bubble will contain the same controls.
- B.** This section has some extra controls you may need from time to time.
- Center** – focuses the view on the main bubble
 - Unpin All** – returns bubbles to default position
 - Undo** – undo last action
 - Zoom** – use + or – to move in and out
 - Set Print Area** – specify area that you would like printed
- C.** Access account details
- D.** Tabs affect area indicated by box
- My Sheets** – “main” tab access previous sheets (projects)
 - Collaborate** – if you share a sheet (option under My Sheets tab), or if someone has shared a sheet with you, you will open those sheets here.
 - Friends** – find friends by name or email. If your friend doesn’t use bubbl.us you can invite them by email
- E.** The menu button is where you will find the following functions:
- Send Read-Only link** – to share a sheet with a friend, without allowing them to edit
 - HTML Embed Code** – gives you the code to insert into your website
 - Export and Import** – save the xml code for your current sheet, or import a previously saved code into bubbl.us
 - Editor Settings** – allows you to adjust some settings

bubbl.us basics

Other Mind-Mapping Tools

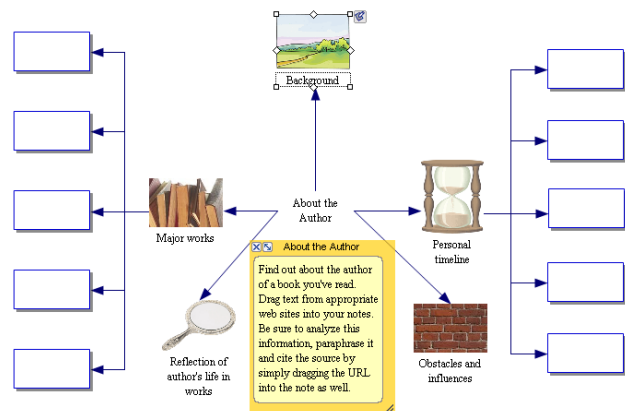
MindMeister — <http://www.mindmeister.com/>

Up to 5 free maps

The screenshot shows the MindMeister website interface. On the left, a blue sidebar lists features: 'Collaborative Online Mind Mapping', 'Brainstorm and share ideas', 'Plan your projects', 'Think visually', and 'and much much more...'. Below this is a 'Sign Up For FREE' button. The main content area features a central 'Welcome to MindMeister!' message surrounded by a mind map. The mind map branches include 'Brainstorm with friends and colleagues', 'Mind Mapping' (with sub-points: 'Online', 'Free', 'Anytime, any place', 'Share with friends'), 'Use Cases' (with sub-points: 'Take meeting notes', 'Structure thoughts', 'Plan your projects', 'Just be creative!'), 'Try it!', and 'Sign up now'. A 'LIVE DEMO' banner is in the top right corner. At the bottom, there are three sign-up sections: 'Individual', 'Business', and 'Academic', each with a 'Sign Up' button and a brief description of the account type.

Inspiration

Software Based



Webspiration

<http://www.mywebspiration.com/>

Free web-based, by Inspiration

The screenshot shows the myWebspiration website interface. At the top, there's a login section with 'Username:', 'Password:', and a 'Log In' button. Below this is a navigation bar with links: 'Introducing Webspiration', 'Why Visual Thinking?', 'Simplify Your Life', 'About Us', and 'What's New'. The main content area features a central 'Think Visually. Work Collaboratively. Anywhere. Anytime.' message with a 'Sign Up Now' button. To the right is a mind map diagram with branches: 'Brainstorm', 'Visual Thinking', 'Capture Ideas', 'Mind Map', 'Diagram Processes', 'Organize Information', 'Write Clearly', 'Flow Chart', 'Bubble Diagrams', and 'Outline'. Below the mind map, there are four sections: 'Capture Ideas' (Quickly and easily online), 'Organize Information' (Collaborate, share and communicate), 'Diagram Processes' (For a clear understanding), and 'Create Clear, Concise Written Documents'. On the right side, there's a 'What's New' section with a list of updates.

Educational Applications

Why use mind mapping in the classroom?

- Engages students visually and interactively
- Promotes whole class learning environments and group work, promotes positive interactions among students
- Encourages independent learning
- An effective tool for organizing information
- Stimulates discussions
- Encourages creative thinking, problem solving and generation of ideas
- Helps to improve recall and problem solving

Teacher uses:

- planning
- handouts and presentations
- assessment
- summarize information

Student uses:

- essay planning and writing
- research and note taking
- revision
- analyzing findings and events
- present concepts and diagrams

